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The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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NOTE TO: Director, Office of Training and Education

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On 22 March, I had the opportunity to visit
and meet with mid-level officers
from the offices of Personnel, General Counsel, and
Medical Services. At OGC, several officers noted their
lack of knowledge of the CIA as an institution -- its
various offices, structure, associated jargon, and
traditions. One officer noted that recent CT graduates,
with about the same amount of time on board, seem to
have a better understanding of the Agency than OGC
lawyers have. The officer attributed this to the
absence of an appropriate orientation course for their
office.

I would like you to investigate the possibility of offering a training course which would provide an introduction to the CIA for career specialists such as OGC and OMS staffers, and possibly DDS&T engineers. I think an appropriate orientation for this group of officers could be accomplished in a two or three week course given once or twice a year.

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